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SUBJECT: ESZTERGALYOS COURTESY CALL ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY ARMITAGE

1. AMBASSADOR ESZTERGALYOS PAID COURTESY CALL ON DEPUTY
ASST SECY ARMITAGE JUNE 10. ESZTERGALYOS STRESSED THAT HE
WOULD LIKE TO DEVELOP A BROAD BASE OF CONTACTS ON CAPITOL
HILL AS WELL AS IN THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE BUSINESS
COMMUNITY. HE STATED HIS BELIEF IN STEP-BY-STEP PROGRESS
AS THE MOST PRODUCTIVE WAY TO DEVELOP US-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS.
HE STRESSED HIS LONG AND PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCE WITH FONMIN
PUJA, WHO COMES FROM THE SAME PART OF HUNGARY AND WAS HIS
SUPERVISOR AT HIS FIRST POSTING IN VIENNA. ESZTERGALYOS
STATED HIS PREFERENCE FOR FRANKNESS IN DIPLOMACY, AS WELL AS
FOR A "REAL DIALOGUE" IN POLITICAL MATTERS.

2. ARMITAGE ENCOURAGED ESZTERGALYOS TO DEVELOP A BROAD
RANGE OF CONTACTS, AND SAID HIS DOOR WOULD BE OPEN FOR
FREQUENT DISCUSSIONS OF POLITICAL INTEREST GENERALLY, AS
WELL AS BILATERAL MATTERS. HE CITED HUNGARIAN CLAIMS PAY-
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MENT, RESOLUTION OF MESTERHAZY CASE, SETTLEMENT WITH BOND-

HOLDERS, AND BEGINNING PAN AMERICAN SERVICE AS CONCRETE STEPS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. ESZTERGALYOS NODDED AGREEMENT, ADDING FACT THAT PREVIOUS DAY'S GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY FOR NEW HUNGARIAN EMBASSY WAS ADDITIONAL STEP FORWARD.

3. ESZTERGALYOS CITED IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE SIGNED DURING KALLOS VISIT AS VALUABLE CURRENT PROJECT. HE MENTIONED THAT CHAMBER'S EAST/WEST TRADE DIRECTOR WILSON WILL HOST LUNCHEON JUNE 27 TO FIRM UP AMERICAN SECTION ESTABLISHED BY THE AGREEMENT. GOH CONSIDERED CHAMBER AGREEMENT PARTICULARLY VALUABLE IN STIMULATING COMMERCIAL PROSPECTS IN ABSENCE OF MFN.

4. ARMITAGE AGREED WITH ESZTERGALYOS THAT EVEN WITHOUT MFN, LIMITS OF TRADE POSSIBILITIES HAD BY NO MEANS BEEN REACHED. HE SAID HE WOULD BE IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH ESZTERGALYOS ON MFN LEGISLATION PROSPECTS AS WELL. AT PRESENT, WE WERE LOOKING FOR A FAVORABLE CLIMATE FOR THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION CHANGES TO BE PRESSED. IN THE MEANTIME, HUNGARIANS SHOULD NOT FEEL THEY HAVE LOST SOMETHING FOREVER, AND SHOULD PREPARE FOR THE TIME THAT MFN BECOMES A POSSIBILITY. ESZTERGALYOS AGREED, ADDING THAT TO BE REALISTIC, THE TRADE REFORM ACT HAD PUT A DAMPER ON THINGS, PARTICULARLY WITH HUNGARIAN FIRMS, WHO WERE TURNING MORE TOWARDS "TRADITIONAL ROUTES"(FRG).

5. ESZTERGALYOS SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO TALKS WITH SECRETARIES MORTON AND BUTZ AFTER HE HAS PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS. HE REFERRED WITH PLEASURE TO THE VISIT OF UNDER SECRETARY CAMPBELL TO BUDAPEST, AND SAID THAT AGRICULTURE DEPUTY MINISTER JENO VANCSEA MIGHT BE COMING TO THE U.S. IN THE FALL FOR A "TECHNICAL, FACT-FINDING AGRICULTURAL MISSION, THE FIRST IN FIVE YEARS" (SINCE DEPUTY MINISTER KAZARECZKI'S TRIP).

6. CALL ENDED WITH ARMITAGE'S STATEMENT THAT WE WOULD DO OUR BEST ON EARLY SCHEDULING OF HIS CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION (ESZTERGALYOS LEAVES JULY 16)AND THAT HE LOOKED FOR-
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WARD TO FURTHER TALKS WITH ESZTERALYOS AND TO CONSTRUCTIVE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR RELATIONS. KISSINGER

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